

P.S. I have just had a very pleasant
sleep - with around the trunk, which is in
dead most beautifully located. State Chamber
have remains frozen - some across.

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Dear Wife:

I arrived at Greenfield on Tuesday ~~evening~~ ^{after-}
noon at 4 o'clock, and found some of the lecturing
committee at the depot, who accompanied me to
the hotel, where a small parlor was provided for
me, with a bed-room attached, and both warmed
by an air-tight stove. The audience at the lec-
ture nearly filled the large hall, and was composed
of the best portion of the population. Some persons
came ~~seven~~ ^{seven} or eight miles in sleighs, who
were old co-workers in the anti-slavery cause,
or were desirous to get a look at me for the
first time. My lecture occupied an hour and
a half, and from the commencement to the close
the attention was close and unbroken; yet a
very considerable portion of those present must
have been exceedingly tired as I was, and would
have been justified in leaving the hall at any
moment. I was scarcely less annoyed. It

happened in this wise. On getting to the hotel, I said to one of the Committee that, as my lecture was written, I wished to be furnished with a desk at the usual height, (as he had told me they had nothing provided but a common table,) with a good light. He said he would give an order to that effect to the man in charge of the hall. So, on ascending the platform, I saw that a desk had been obtained, but one of extraordinary width and height, (higher than I supposed till I stood before it,) with a tall lamp resting upon it. When, therefore, I stood ^{up} ~~before~~ it, no part of me but my bald head could be seen by very many present, and they were in the condition of Saul, on his way to Damascus, who "heard the voice, but saw no man." But even my voice failed to be heard by them as it would otherwise have been; for the desk was almost up to my chin! Still, I felt bound to proceed, to prevent confusion in removing the desk, and fearing no suitable one could be readily found as a substitute. Although nothing was said about it, I

am confident that more than one half of the effect of the lecture was lost in consequence of this bungling miscalculation. The next time I will take care to visit the hall in advance of the ^{hour} ~~time~~ for lecturing, and see that the desk is of suitable height. I have been blaming myself ever since that I did not have sufficient self-possession, at the outset, to refuse to proceed until a substitute was provided for that elephantine desk. After the meeting, my parlor at the hotel was filled by ladies and gentlemen, (the Hon. Mr. Griswold and one or two ^{among them} clergymen,) for the purpose of conversation, and all more or less interested in the woman suffrage question. My reception was very gratifying throughout. At half past 10 I went to bed, and had a good night's rest.

Yesterday, at 10 o'clock, I left Greenfield for St. Albans, expecting to reach there by 5 or 6 o'clock at the latest. Our train was behind time all the way. On asking the conductor what time it would probably get to St. Albans,

he said half past 8! It probably did not
before 9. Seeing, therefore, that the evening meet-
ing would be about finished by the time I
could get to it, and that my journey would
be comparatively useless, I resolved to come
directly to Burlington, about 10 ^{miles} ~~from~~ from
the junction with the main line, and got
here at 8 o'clock, coming directly to the home
of my friend Mr. Bigelow - of course, un-
expectedly to the family. Mr. B. was at St.
Albans. I had taken nothing since the morn-
ing but a cup of coffee and two dough-nuts,
but did not let the young ladies know this;
and so declined giving them the trouble to get
me anything.

Mrs. Howe and Mrs. Livermore will
get here from St. Albans about 2 o'clock.
Our first meeting is to be this evening. The only
daily paper in this place, the Free Press, has
steadily for a fortnight past assailed our move-
ment with ridicule, slander and misrep-
sentation, after the old pro-slavery style. We
are to hold three meetings to-morrow.

Lovingly yours own W. L. G.